

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action dated February 21, 2008, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. In view of these amendment and remarks, this amendment should be entered, the application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. No new matter or considerations are introduced, as the amendment consists of merely cancelling claim 12.

Claims 2-11 are pending in this application. Claims 2-11 are allowed. Claim 12 is rejected. Claim 12 has been canceled in this response. Claim 1 was previously canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-11 are allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims. As only allowed claims remain pending in this application, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Badwal et al. (Solid State Ionics, 2000 V136-137, pp 91-99).

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Tanaka et al. (US 4,328,296).

These rejections are traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested. Claim 12 has been canceled. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue. If there are any

questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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